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Bill to be introduced in the Legislative Council  
Assembly  
of the Province of Madras.

Under the proviso to rule 73 of the Madras Council  
Assembly  
Rules, the following Bill, together with the Statement  
of Objects and Reasons, is published for general  
information:—

*A Bill further to amend the Madras City Municipal  
Act, 1919, the Madras District Municipalities  
Act, 1920, the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920,  
and the Madras Local Boards (Amendment) Act,  
1935, for certain purposes.*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the  
Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, the Madras District  
Municipalities Act, 1920, the Madras Local  
Boards Act, 1920, and the Madras Local Boards  
(Amendment) Act, 1935, for the purposes hereinafter  
appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Madras City Muni-242  
cipal, District Municipalities and Local Boards  
(Amendment) Act, 1937.

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Amendment  
of Madras  
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of Madras  
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of the Madras  
Act, V of  
1948 and  
XIII of  
1951

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 33-A and 431 of the Madras City Municipal Act, <sup>Madras Act</sup> IV of 1947, the Provincial Government shall have power from time to time to extend the term of office of the fifteen divisional councillors who are due to vacate their offices at noon on the first day of November 1947 up to such date not being later than the 31st day of March 1958 as the Provincial Government may fix and to postpone the elections to the divisional seats accordingly.

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 3 and 369 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, the Provincial Government shall have power from time to time to extend the term of office of the councillors of every municipality, who are due to vacate their offices at noon on the 1st day of November 1947, up to such date not being later than the 31st day of March 1958 as the Provincial Government may fix and to postpone the elections to such municipalities accordingly.

(2) Where any municipality has been constituted for the first time or has to be reconstituted after a dissolution or supersession, the Provincial Government shall have power, notwithstanding anything contained in the Madras District Municipalities Act, <sup>Madras Act</sup> V of 1920, from time to time to postpone the constitution or reconstitution of the municipality and the elections thereto up to such date not being later than the 31st day of March 1958 as the Provincial Government may fix.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 11 and 210 of the Madras Local Boards Act, <sup>Madras Act</sup> XIX of 1929, or in section 7 of the Madras Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1935, the Provincial Government shall have power from time to time to extend the term of office of the members of every local board situated in any of the districts included in Group I of the Schedule to the Madras Local Boards (Amendment) <sup>Madras Act</sup> XIII of 1935, up to such date not being later than the 31st day of March 1958 as the Provincial Government may fix and to postpone the elections to such local boards accordingly.

(2) Where any local board has been constituted for the first time or has to be reconstituted after a

Madras Act No. 22 of 1938  
dissolution or supercession, the Provincial Government shall have power notwithstanding anything contained in the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, from time to time to postpone the constitution or reconstitution of the local board and the elections thereto up to such date not being later than the 31st day of March 1938 as the Provincial Government may fix.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

At present electoral rolls are being prepared separately for elections to the Corporation of Madras, to municipal councils and to local boards. If the relevant portions of the electoral rolls prepared for the Madras Legislative Assembly are adopted as the electoral rolls for local bodies, not only will the cost of preparing separate electoral rolls for local bodies be saved but also the franchise for local bodies will be widely extended. Legislation is necessary to assimilate the qualifications of electors to local bodies to those required at elections to the Legislative Assembly. Such legislation will take time, and so the electoral rolls for the Assembly are not likely to be ready before the end of December next, it will not be possible to hold elections to local bodies on the basis of the new franchise before the end of January 1938 at the earliest. Meanwhile the term of office of fifteen thousand councillors of the Corporation of Madras, of the councillors of most of the districts municipalities, and of members of local boards in a third of the Province will expire on dates ranging from 1st November to 31st December 1937. It is therefore necessary to extend the term of office of the councillors and members of the local bodies referred to above by a period which will be sufficiently long to permit of elections being held on the basis of the new franchise. The object of this Bill is to provide for this extension. A separate Bill will be introduced later for altering the qualifications of electors to local bodies so as to bring them into conformity with those prescribed for elections to the Legislative Assembly.

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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